the PGIMER, Chandigarh, was raised from 60 to 62 years in PGIMER, Chandigarh, vide PGIMER Chandigarh notification dated 24.2.1999 and accordingly, Professor S.K. Sharma, who was selected to the post of Director from the teaching faculty was appointed upto to the age of 62 years and this was done by Central Government under Rule 7(3) of PGIMER 1967 with the approval of Appointment Committee of the Cabinet. Hence, there is no irregularity in the appointment of Professor S.K. Sharma, as Director, PGIMER, Chandigarh.

Letter of Intent to Dr. Somervel Memorial CSI Hospital, Kerala

*568. PROF M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been irregularities concerning inspection report and issue of Letter of Intent to Dr. Somervel Memorial CSI Hospital in Karakonam, Kerala by Medical Council of India (MCI);

(b) if so, whether any action has been taken against the erring officials;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) to (d) The Ministry has not received any recommendation for issue of Letter of Intent (LOI) for establishing the medical college from the Medical Council of India. Medical Council of India has now informed us that there was an inadvertent omission on the part of the Inspector concerned in reporting the availability of beds in the Hospital. As a result, the Executive Committee at its meeting held on 31.1.2002 did not recommend the case. Subsequently, on the omission coming to light, the facilities were reinspected. On this occasion, the bed distribution was found to be correct. The Government will take necessary action as and when the recommendations of the Medical Council of India in this regard are received.

The Inspector concerned who had made the mistake has since left the service on his own request.

Violation of Master Plan of Delhi

*569. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no check on construction of new Government buildings in the green vistas, as reported in the Hindustan Times, dated the 19th April, 2002;

(b) if so, the reasons for violating master plan of Delhi by allowing such construction; and

(c) whether Government propose to look into the matter and prepare a legal framework so as to save Lutyen's Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) MPD-2001 came into force w.e.f. 1.8.1990. As per this MPD, land use of plot No. 30 reffered to in the news item was classified as 'Government office'. By a Notification on 29.10.1990, the land use was changed to 'Green'. It has now been proposed to restore the land use to the original classification as 'Government office'. A public notice under section 11-A/DDA Act 1957 has been issued and due process will be followed before effecting the change

(c) The Development in the LBZ is guided by the 1988 guidelines, which aims at low intensity of development in this area. A specific Committee called the Central Vista Committee has been constituted for this purpose to ensure that necessary development are facilitated without adversely affecting the overall urban design and form of the area.

Criteria for selection of towns for AUWSP

*570. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of schemes approved under Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) during the year 2001-2002;

(b) the number of towns in the country which were identified/ selected and benefited by the scheme, State-wise;

(c) the criteria for selection of towns under the scheme; and

(d) the total amount sanctioned and spent for various schemes approved under the programme during the year ending 31st March, 2002?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) During the year 2001-02, water supply schemes for 85 towns were approved under AUWSP.

(b) State-wise details of number of towns identified/selected and benefited under the programme are given in the Statement-I (*see* below).

(c) As per guidelines of AUWSP, the selection of towns is decided by the State Level Selection Committee constituted by the respective State